

Skaters bring home variety of medals

A record number of skaters, 37 in all, from the Milton Skating Club competed recently at the Spring Skate Festival of Western New York.

The following skaters competed for Milton in various single and team events: Stephanie Bell, Alexi Britton, Nicole Does, Missy Tonelli, Melissa Visconti, Ashley Leskun, Dawn Ricker, Tammy Clarke, Amy Danks, Courtney Leskun, Ann Grant, Sean LaForest, Kelly Alderton, Jenny Gleed, Nicole LaForest, Amanada Powell, Melissa Copping, Erin Guard, Jill Holly, Maureen Kado, Meaghan O'Brien, Jackie Aalbers, Melanie Bell, Karen Cseff, Lindsay Nemeth, Amanda Tonelli, Sherylene Leslie, Becky Danks, Melissa Fischer, Karen Connors, Erin Konkle, Debra Peacock, Michelle Stephens, Kathy Motton, Jennifer Does, Sharon MacKinlay, Leanne Cole and Kerri McClure.

Individual event medallists in various freeski and figure competitions were: Nicole Does (gold), Ashley Leskun (gold, bronze), Melissa Visconti (bronze), Dawn Ricker (bronze), Jenny Gleed (silver), Nicole LaForest (gold), Melissa Copping (silver), Jackie Aalbers (bronze), Karen Connors (silver, bronze), Michelle Stephens (bronze), Jennifer Does (gold), Kathy Motton (silver, bronze), Leanne Cole (two gold), Sharon MacKinlay (bronze), and Meaghan O'Brien (bronze).

In the team events Erin Konkle and Michelle Stephens won gold in

Hanley third in Vermont

Hudson, New Hampshire's Dave Dion stretched his American-Canadian Tour (ACT) victory string at Vermont's Thunder Road International Speedbowl to four consecutive in the 21st annual Budweiser Memorial Day Classic.

The Ford driver has won the Thunder Road opener every year since 1989. His most recent was his second of the year with ACT, also winning the Budweiser 100 opener on April 5.

Additionally, Dion snapped Junior Hanley's 1992 ACT consecutive win streak at three. The defending ACT champion tied Robbie Couch's 1988 record by virtue of his victories in the second, third and fourth events of the year.

The Thunder Road race was the fifth scheduled for this year.

Dion, who started eighth on the grid inherited the lead from Barre, Vermont's Dan Beede on the 75th lap when the hometown hero unexpectedly pitted. Beede had started on the outside of the front row and had led from the drop of the green flag.

Thanks to fresh rubber acquired on a mid-race pit stop, Dion was able to extend his lead to almost a quarter of a track at one point. But former ACT champion Robbie Crouch, who also took on tires under caution, was able to reel him in as the laps wound down. Dion beat Crouch's Chevy by less than one car length.

Hanley, also in a Ford, finished third after running as high as second. On a late race restart Hanley got caught behind a lapped car and lost several positions. He was forced to regroup before advancing again and felt fortunate to recover for a top three finish.

Milton, Vermont's Beaver Dragon finished fourth in a Pontiac and fellow Green Mountain State competitor Kevin LePage of Shelburne completed the top five.

the junior A similar pairs, Jennifer Does and Sharon MacKinlay won gold in junior B similar pairs, Kerry McClure and Debra Peacock won bronze in senior similar pairs.

Leanne Cole and Sharon MacKinlay won gold in novice team figures, Alexi Britton, Stephanie Bell and Dawn Ricker won a silver in badge B compulsory moves; Erin Guard, Jenny Gleed and Melissa Copping won a bronze in preliminary compulsory moves A division; Nicole Does, Ann Grant and Ashley Leskun won the silver in the same event while Karyn Cseff, Lindsay Nemeth and Melissa Fischer picked up a bronze in the preliminary team compulsory moves A division.

Amanada Tonelli, Jackie Aalbers and Sherylene Leslie won the bronze in preliminary competitive moves B division while Jennifer Does, Kathy Motton and Sharon MacKinlay picked up a bronze in the juvenile team compulsory moves A division.

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